

full of sores of doubt, care, sorrow, and shame, lies at the door, and the mission work for his salvation is in a bankrupt condition."

—Just as Doctor Judson had finished translating the New Testament into Burmese, he was cast into prison. His wife took the precious manuscript, and buried it in the ground. But if left there it would soon decay, while to reveal its existence to its foes would surely lead to its destruction. So it was arranged that she should put it within a roll of cotton, and bring it to him in the form of a pillow, so hard and poor that even the keeper of the prison did not covet it. After seven months this pillow—so uninviting externally, so precious to him—was taken away, and then his wife redeemed it by giving a better one in exchange. Some time after that he was hurried off to another prison, leaving everything behind him, and his old pillow was thrown into the prison yard, to be trodden under foot as worthless cotton; but after a few hours one of the native Christians discovered the roll, and took it home as a relic of the prisoner, and there, long afterwards, the manuscript was found within the cotton, complete and uninjured. Surely the hand of the Lord was interposed to save from destruction the fruit of years of toil, so important for those who were to read the Burmese Bible.

Washington Letter

As Brother Lyon is out of this city at present, having gone to Roanoke, Va., for a few days, I will attempt to write something for our usual place in the EVANGELIST. Our little flock was without its shepherd last Sunday, and a few seemed to be somewhat discouraged, and wondered who would preach to us. When the time came for our regular morning service, we opened our meeting with singing and prayer, as usual, after which sister Vianna Detwiler gave us a very interesting and instructive Bible reading, and I am sure all who were present were profited and made glad for having come out to the house of the Lord. Although our number was small, we felt that the Lord verified his promise to us, and was one amidst us.

Sister Detwiler is a great help to the work here, and she is doing noble work for the Master. She is one of our most earnest and faithful workers, and one need not be with her long before finding that she has learned of the Master.

We still find the greatest obstacle in our way, to be the lack of a church building. But we are living in faith and will not give up because of this. That church must come, sooner or later, for the field here is too great for the Lord to permit his work to stop, and I know he is going to touch the hearts of many, and cause the purse strings to loosen, and the means to carry on his blessed work will be provided, and "we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." How easy it would be if each member of our brotherhood would give something, and just ask the Lord how much that something should be, and

then listen for his answer, and having received the answer, (which he will surely give) to not hesitate, but give promptly whatever the Lord may direct. I believe the great trouble with too many of us is that we do not get in earnest. We do not "seek first His kingdom, and in faith believe, all these things shall be added." We do not get in touch with God as we should and as is our privilege, but we think of Him as very remote, and hence our lethargy and inactivity. When lo! He is with us always and ready to help us. He wants us to ask much, and expect great things, and he promises that the measure of his blessings shall be to us accordingly. Our will must be his will, and then we need only reach out and partake of the good things he has placed all around us. Let us do our whole duty and he can not and will not fail in a single promise he has made us, and they are many.

Yours in faith,

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Church News

Official Notice

There are still over eight hundred EVANGELIST subscriptions that expired on Jan. 1, 1898 not renewed. On May 1, there will be fifty cents due on the above lapses. While the Board is loathe to stop the paper and thus decrease the subscription list, proper business methods render it necessary to do so, consequently the fifty cents will be charged up, and the EVANGELIST stopped unless it is ordered to be continued.

The above will be the rule of the office here after, for all expiring subscriptions; that is after four month credit is given the price for the four month will be charged up on the books of the Board, and the EVANGELIST stopped unless it is renewed either with or without cash; further extension of credit may be given by special arrangement with the Editor.

I sincerely urge all present subscribers for the sake of the cause of Christ in general, for the sake of the church, for the sake of the Publishing House and for their own good to promptly renew their subscription.

J. C. CASSEL.
Sec., of Board.

Glenford, O.

Meetings at West Alexandria closed Sunday evening March 27. The primary aim of the meeting was to lead members of the church more fully into real, saving fellowship with Christ. The results in view of this aim are very satisfactory.

However two earnest ones accepted Christ. Others could have been persuaded, but the church is not in condition to receive and care for them.

Yes I believe in numbers and pray for numbers and seek for numbers. But O, men and women need to be saved by the power of God.

There are a number of earnest faithful ones in the church. The Lord will reward their labors. I quote here from an editorial in Record of Christian work what I feel sure is the expression of a truth that is very vital to many of the churches and workers as well. "Very often a church is in no condition to carry on a revival and far less able to care for those who may have been converted during a series of special meetings. A church that is spiritually dormant and a ministry that draws chiefly from the daily press for sermon material, needs to be awakened to some of its responsibilities as much as the world needs the gospel. The Evangelist is then a messenger to the church in much the same sense as the prophets of old were messengers to the people of God. Whenever he is able to awaken the Christian church to greater activity and individual members to thorough consecration, his work is not less efficient in furthering the kingdom of God than when his labors are devoted to those who are without the church and its influence."

A happy situation is that many are eager to know the Lord more fully. To know him is eternal life. Not the counterfeit of life as activity for a little time, then stagnation and sin and death for most of the time.

J. W. BOWMAN.

Ashland University

We are pleased to report the following items received on apportionments of Indiana district from Eaton class, per Ada Wood, \$9.00, which covers their apportionment in full; also from North Manchester class, per Lydia Lesh, on their balance, \$5.00; also that the creditors of Ashland University have all agreed to accept the proposition made to them on the 21st ult., at a meeting held with them on the premises substantially which is as follows:

That we pay in cash 60 per cent. of the unpaid principle of their claims, and 40 per cent. in promissory notes in the hands of the Finance Committee, and that we pay them on the interest due them the two thousand dollars of apportionments yet uncollected, and the proceeds of eighteen building lots along the west side of the University grounds, such as are not even needed for play ground, and which yet leaves about ten acres in the University grounds, and that if any funds remain out of the promissory note on hand after the principle of their claim is paid and the expense of collecting the same, that such funds also must be applied on the interest until their interest is paid in full, and that in consideration of the same the creditors cancel and deliver up to us their mortgages, notes, and release all claims against the University. A number of the creditors have already received their money and cancelled their mortgage, and in a few days the settlement will be made.

We want to say also that I. D. Bowman and Addie B. Bowman, his wife, have already executed and delivered a deed to John Keim, Dr. E. J. Worst and C. E. Deffen-